

BEWARE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

One Who Has Tried It Says It Is No Place For a Man In Need of Work.

I sailed from London Jan. 20, 1893, for Cape Town, returning the latter part of May, and was only too glad when I reached the States again. Miners thinking of going to Johannesburg would do better by staying at home, even if times are very quiet here. The average of miners landing in Cape Town is about 10 weekly, and they are nearly all from England. They nearly all branch out for Johannesburg, and naturally the employers prefer an Englishman before an American, and you will find this in all branches of business, professional or otherwise. The colored people do all the laborious work in the mines, and as for the positions the white man would take I suppose there are about 50 waiting for one opening. A good miner can earn \$25 a week, and I think a good miner can earn more here, and then again he can live considerably cheaper here. He would have to pay for board in Johannesburg about \$10 weekly. This is speaking of board alone.

When I left Cape Town last May, there were hundreds of men in Cape Town from all parts of South Africa looking for employment. Lots of them manage to get down from the interior, and the first chance they have of returning to England, either working their passage or otherwise, they accept. The boat I came back on, the London, was the Tartar, and it worked their passage home, and having so many applications the captain had to refuse a good many. A stowaway is a common occurrence.

Board in Cape Town is \$6.25 a week, and if you wanted a position as clerk, bookkeeper, telegraph operator, etc., they would offer you what they call "a start." That is to say, it doesn't matter how competent you may be, you have to commence with \$5 or \$6 a week, and you think yourself lucky if you can get that. There are on an average a hundred applications for each situation.

I took my brother-in-law from England with me. He was earning there \$10 a week, and he was tramped around Cape Town seven weeks and finally got a position, and I have just heard from him, and he is at present earning \$6 a week at the same place.

As many people are returning from South Africa as there are going—that is, between 400 and 500 weekly. Men that do get positions, after they have saved, if ever they do, \$300 to \$400, return to England for good.

Employers will not accept a diploma from the United States of any kind—it doesn't matter how high the reputation of the college may be—and any one heading there will only be too sorry he ever left home, as it costs more to get from there than it does to reach there. The whole thing is there is too much English about it all around, and after having the freedom of this country you will find a great difference between South Africa and here.

There are two or three prices on some of the necessities in Cape Colony, and this is the cheapest place to live: Horse rent, from \$5 weekly; flour, 6 cents per pound; potatoes, 30 pounds for \$1; butter, 50 cents to 75 cents per pound; bacon, 35 cents per pound.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Small Fortune Under Her Mattress.
Mary Connelly, 60 years of age, was found dead recently in the small rear room in which she lived for the last three years on the first floor of 89 Baxter street, a lofty tenement house known as the "Kerry Flats."

Under the mattress of the bed were found three bankbooks showing deposits in the Bankers' Trust Bank of Savings, the Farmers' Industrial and the Bowers Savings banks which amounted to \$3,237.70. There was also found a purse containing \$102.17.

Cornelius Sullivan, who keeps a saloon in the basement, was told by his wife that one of the windows of Mary's room had been open all the preceding day, and the lonely occupant had not been heard stirring around. Sullivan called in Policeman Brophy.

Brophy entered the rear room through the window. As his feet reached the floor he stumbled over the old man's body. She had evidently been dead for several hours. The corpse was in a cramped position between the wall and a small table, with her chin pressed rigidly down on the breast. It is supposed that she became ill and was opening the window to obtain air when she fell back either unconscious or dead from heart disease.

She was rather eccentric and persisted in living alone. She was never married. For several years she was employed as a scrubwoman in Chambers Street hospital, but recently she had lived upon what money she had saved. Her nearest relatives are two first cousins—one living in Jersey City and the other in Port Jervis, N. Y.—New York Herald.

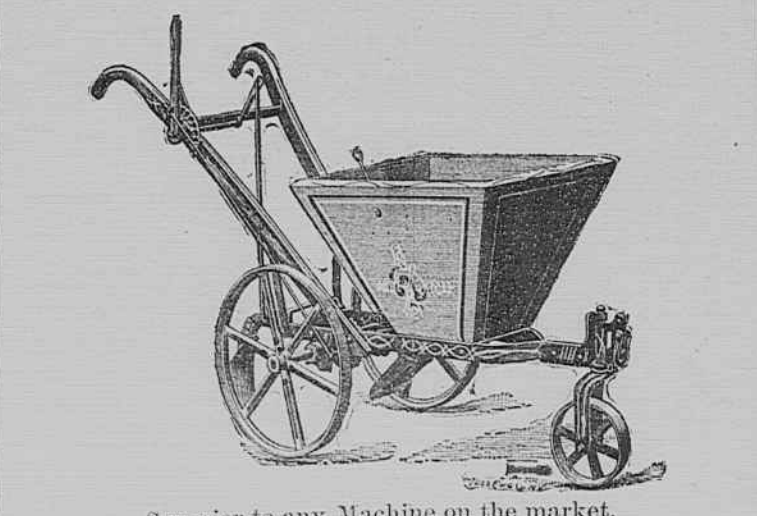
Stole an Orchard.
A novel theft has been reported to the sheriff by a farmer who lives near French Camp, on the turnpike. This farmer came to town Saturday and left his farm in charge of his young son for the day. The boy saw some men digging up fruit trees in the young orchard his father had started and went out to them to inquire what they were at.

The men said they had bought all the trees from the owner and were digging them up to take them away. The boy, though of course it was as the men said, and that his father had really sold the trees, so he made no protest. When the father came home, he was greatly astonished to find that his orchard had disappeared during his absence at Stockton.

The young son told him what had happened, and steps were taken at once to find some trace of the trees if possible, but without success. None of the nurserymen here has bought any trees answering the description, and it can be learned that any of that sort have been shipped from Stockton. About 300 trees in all were stolen.—Stockton (Cal.) Dispatch.

A Venerable Man.
It may not be generally known that one of the oldest living Englishmen is a native of Salford and has been resident there from his birth. His name is William Hampton, and he lives in Duke street, near the Gravel Lane Wesleyan schools. He is believed to be 114 years old, and he distinctly remembers, as a boy, seeing John Wesley and hearing him preach at the Salford Cross in Greenacre. After preaching Wesley walked on to examine the then partly-risen edifice of Gravel Lane chapel. This was in 1790, and Hampton recalls the circumstances in every detail.—Manchester Monthly.

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